



## City Commission Meeting Highlights Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at City Hall

*Note: City Manager Jeff Pederson was unable to attend this meeting.*

### **Noble Park Pool Spray Pad Project Change Order #1 and #2 (vote in October)**

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance for two change orders to the contract with Murтко, Inc. for the Noble Park Pool Spray Pad Project. The City approved a \$188,466 contract with Murтко in March to replace the former baby pool with a spray pad area. Change order #1 reduces the contract amount with Murтко by \$70,680.72 since the City decided to purchase mechanical equipment directly from the supplier in order to reduce mark up costs and taxes. A payment, not to exceed this amount, will be paid directly by the City to the supplier. Change order #1 increases the contract amount with Murтко by \$5080.01 due to additional items such as valves and piping required by the state inspector. The total contract with Murтко is \$122,865.29.

Earlier this year, the Noble Park Pool received significant renovations including the pool liner, replacement of the gutter, drain, filtration, disinfection, pumping, and piping systems in addition to a new treatment and storage building, concrete improvements, and the installation of new diving boards and platforms, a water slide, and a pool lift. The improvements to the concession area and the replacement of the baby pool with a spray pad were also included in the renovation project. The Noble Park Pool had not received a significant renovation since 1992.

### **Property Tax Levy Public Hearing and Ordinance Introduction**

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance setting the real estate and personal property taxes for fiscal year 2014. A property tax levy public hearing was held at the September 17 Commission meeting. The City's real estate tax levy is proposed to increase from 25 cents per \$100 assessed value to 25.5 cents per \$100 assessed value. For a property owner with a home assessed at \$50,000, this half penny increase equals an increase in their property tax bill of \$2.50. The City's Compensating Rate, the rate that would keep the revenue at the same amount as 2013, is 24.6 cents per \$100 assessed value. Kentucky Revised Statutes permits a city to adjust the compensating rate upward by not more than 4 percent. Please note that the City's real estate tax rate has dropped significantly over the past nearly two decades from 43.8 cents per \$100 assessed value in 1995. In a survey of 18 Kentucky cities taken October 2012, Paducah's tax rate fell in the middle of those surveyed. Also on the tax bill, residents may notice a change in the amount going to the Paducah Independent School District. This summer the school board raised its tax rate by two cents. The school district's increase equals a \$10 increase on the tax bill for a home assessed at \$50,000.

The ordinance also outlines the levies for the Paducah Independent School System and the Paducah Junior College. A document showing citizens how to calculate their property tax bill is located on the city's website, [www.paducahky.gov](http://www.paducahky.gov), under the Finance Department. For example, a home assessed at \$50,000 in the City of Paducah and in the Paducah Independent School District will generate a property tax bill of \$519.50.

### **Emergency Roof Stabilization Assistance Program**

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Paducah and developer Tom Dunn for the emergency stabilization of the roof at 203 Broadway. This is the first project that will take advantage of the Roof Stabilization Assistance Program and its emergency request section approved by the City Commission last month. Dunn purchased the building at auction several weeks ago with plans to provide retail space on the first floor and apartments on the second through fifth floors. He has become aware of structural damage and roof deterioration, totaling an estimated



\$250,000, needing immediate action. In the MOU, the City will reimburse Dunn in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the work to stabilize the structure and roof. In August 2013, the Mayor and Commissioners established a Roof Stabilization Program to assist property owners within a defined area of historic downtown Paducah. The goals of the program are to stabilize buildings to promote redevelopment and to prevent further decline which could lead to greater expenditures by the City of Paducah through demolition.

### **Memorandum of Understanding for Economic Incentives for Superior Care**

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Paducah and Superior Care Homes. The City will provide a cash grant of \$20,000 as an economic incentive for use for the sewer tap-on fee for the new facility under construction in Paducah Commerce Park on more than 21 acres at 100 Marshall Court next to Highway 62. Superior Care is relocating its offices and care facility. The \$10 million project will retain the facility's 115 employees in addition to creating 25 new jobs.

### **Quick Highlights**

- Mayor Gayle Kaler presented a proclamation to Andrea Underwood, Director of Community Relations and Marketing at Paducah Power System, proclaiming October 6-12, 2013 as Public Power Week. Each year the American Public Power Association recognizes community-owned utilities during Public Power Week. An informational video explaining the benefits of a community-owned utility will air on Government 11 (channel 11 for Comcast subscribers) and on the City's Youtube webpage through October 12.
- Lennis Thompson appointed to the Commissioners of Water Works board.
- Ordinance approved amending the Code of Ordinances Section 126-76 (g) to allow apartment complexes in residential zones to have identification signs that meet specific guidelines.
- Ordinance approved for a zone change from R-2 (Low and Medium Density Residential Zone) to R-4 (High Density Residential Zone) for the vacant property at 625 and 637 Hayden Avenue. E&T Enterprises would like to construct a new parking area for the medical offices currently located at 546 Lone Oak Road, and these parcels are adjacent to the existing property. The Planning Commission made a positive recommendation at its September 4 meeting.
- Ordinance approved accepting the grant in the amount of \$24,270 from the Federal Department of Homeland Security Port Security Grant Program. The funds would be used to purchase cameras to provide video surveillance of the new boat launch facility under construction off Burnett and North 6<sup>th</sup> Streets. No local match is required.
- Ordinance approved accepting the Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$13,382 for various equipment for the Paducah Police Department. No local match is required.
- Ordinance approved for an amendment to the existing lease agreement between the City and New Cingular Wireless to allow for additional equipment to be installed on the City-owned radio tower located at 510 Clark Street which is downtown near the Paducah-McCracken County E-911 facility. The amendment also increases the lease payment New Cingular pays to the City by \$450 per month.
- Mayor Gayle Kaler says that the donations for the City of Paducah's team for last weekend's Dragon Boat festival yielded approximately \$400 for Relay for Life.
- Commissioner Carol Gault says that 80,014 pounds of pork and chicken have been delivered for the 19<sup>th</sup> Ever Barbeque on the River Festival. The festival is this Thursday through Saturday.

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